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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This submission is offered in response to the final office action dated April 21, 2003 along with a Request for Continued Examination. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the time spent during the telephone interview of September 3, 2003. As the Examiner suggested during the telephone interview, Claim 6 has been amended so that it is limited to removing finished product "directly from the first separation step to occur after degermination." With regard to the telephone interview,